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1. In late February 1955, it was learned from construction agencies that the construction site of Querfurt airfield was located in the wood west of Lodersleben, while the construction staff was housed in Galgenberg. The laborers hired for construction work at the site were quartered in a camp which was in very poor condition, without water supply and light lines. Insufficient quantities of water were hauled to the camp on a truck. the workers had had no water to wash themselves for 5 days. Bed linen was not issued for more than 3 months. Since there was no kitchen in the camp, the workers received their meals from a factory kitchen at a nearby civil enterprise. Kitchen equipment was expected to arrive from Gross Doelln. A number of laborers left the camp due to these inhuman conditions. The other construction workers remained only because they feared unemployment during the unfavorable season. A total of 400 men were employed at the site. The construction staff cancelled the dispatch of any further workers to the construction site until new barracks were erected and water pipes and electricity installed. Therefore, the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg was forced to dismiss laborers who had meanwhile been hired.
 2. On 26 February, there was a conference at the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder about the Querfurt construction site. The Soviets demanded an increase of the present labor efficiency. The concrete runway or taxiway at Querfurt airfield was allegedly only 14 meters wide. A 10-meter strip was to be graded on both sides of the 14-meter concrete lane. Adjacent to these graded strips a 5-meter strip was to be cleared of trees. The Soviet staff in Werder at first permitted that 60-cm-high roots could remain on these strips. Later, the staff gave orders that the strips be widened to 7 meters and roots be cut to 30 cm above the ground. A humus layer of about 60 cm was to be removed. The execution of this work was to be tested by the local BVDR (unidentified) on 28 March. There were considerable delays in the work because of unfavorable weather. The required implements were to be shipped from Tutow to Querfurt as fast as possible.
- Comment. According to available information, a 2,000-meter runway is to be constructed at Querfurt airfield. The 14-meter concrete lane mentioned in the present report is most probably the taxiway.

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